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Atty. Dkt. No. ROC920010109US1

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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated March 4, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 4, 2005. Applicants submit this response to place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-46 are pending in the application. Claims 1-46 remain pending following entry of this response.

Statement of Common Ownership

Applicants submit that *Bertram et al.* (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0156884 A1, hereinafter "*Bertram*") and the present application were commonly owned at the time the invention claimed in the present application was made.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Jong et al.* (US 6,192,403) in view of *Bertram*. As noted in the Statement of Common Ownership above, Applicants submit that *Bertram* and the present application were commonly owned at the time the invention claimed in the present application was made. Accordingly, Applicants submit that *Bertram* may not be properly cited against the patentability of the claims presented hereby, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 103(c), and request withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

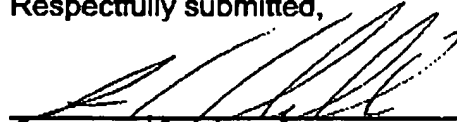
The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicants believe that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

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Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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